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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2000, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-8 and 14-17, directed to an isolated nucleic acid molecule, vectors host cells, a method of making a polypeptide and a pharmaceutical composition.

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